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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Die-Down Ball Grid Array Package With Die-Attached Heat  
Spreader and Method for Making the Same**  
Inventors: Khan *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.0210000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO-1449 listing cited documents (2 sheets);
4. Copies of documents cited on Form PTO-1449 (AA1-AN1, AR1-AT1, AA2-AI2, AR2-AT2);
5. Return postcard; and
6. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$180.00 fee for submission of IDS.

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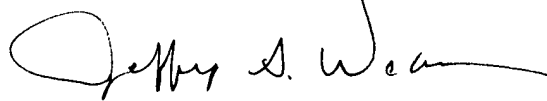
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Document AL1 (JP 10-189835) appears to describe a laminated semiconductor package for memory element. A copy of the English language abstract of document AL1 is enclosed as document AR1 on the attached PTO-1449.

Document AM1 (JP 2000-286294) appears to describe a semiconductor device. A copy of the English language abstract of document AM1 is enclosed as document AS1 on the attached PTO-1449.

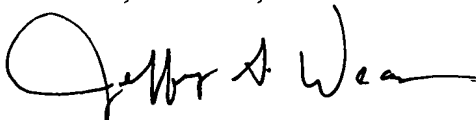
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	AM1	2000-286294	10/2000	Japan	H01L	21/60	Yes No
	AN1	61-49446	03/1986	Japan	H01L	23/36	Yes No
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	AP1						Yes No

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	AT	<u>1</u>	Kamezos, M., "An EPBGA Alternative," <i>Advanced Packaging</i> , June 1998, pages 90, 92, 94, and 96.

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